

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is timely filed within the ONE MONTH TIME PERIOD from the mailing date of the Decision On Appeal decided July 11, 2008, given to the applicant in which to present the dependent claims in independent form.

- 5 Claims 1-3 and 5-21 remain in the application.
 Claims 11, 15 and 18 are currently amended.
 Claims 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20 and 21 are currently cancelled.

Decision On Appeal

- Claims 1-3 and 5-21 were the subject of an appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and
10 Interferences and having a Decision On Appeal decided July 11, 2008.

 The Decision states that claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8, 15, 18 and 19 are patentable over US Patent 6,749,160 to Richter in view of US Patent 4,020,575 to Kruger, et al., whereby the decision of the Examiner to reject these claims was reversed.

- The Decision further affirmed the decision of the Examiner to reject claims 9, 10, 13, 14, 16,
15 17, 20 and 21.

 Accordingly, by the instant amendment, applicant voluntarily cancels claims 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20 and 21.

- Claim 11 is rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim 9 and intervening claim 10. Accordingly, claim 11 is not depending from a rejected base claim. Claim 11 is
20 believed to be allowable.

 Claim 12 is allowable at least as depending from now allowable independent claim 11.

 Claim 15 is rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim 9 and intervening claim 14. Accordingly, claim 15 is not depending from a rejected base claim. Claim 15 is believed to be allowable.

- 25 Claim 18 is rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim 16 and intervening claim 17. Accordingly, claim 18 is not depending from a rejected base claim. Claim 18 is believed to be allowable.

 Claim 19 is allowable at least as depending from now allowable independent claim 18.

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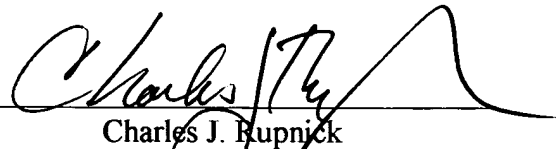
5 The claims now being in form for allowance, reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

If the examiner has questions or wishes to discuss any aspect of the case, the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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